

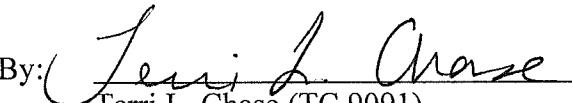
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BENJAMIN MADDEN :  
and SEAN FLANAGAN, :  
Plaintiffs, : INDEX NO.: 08 CV 5163  
-against- : STATEMENT PURSUANT  
READER'S DIGEST ASSOCIATION INC. : TO FEDERAL RULE 7.1  
SEVERANCE PLAN, :  
Defendant. :  
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Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to enable judges and magistrates of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel of record for Defendant The Reader's Digest Association Inc. Severance Plan (the "Plan"), hereby certifies that Defendant is not a publicly held corporation.

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